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that the labor force in this camp was very large and was composed of former Soviet soldiers who had fought with the German army during the war, had been captured by the Soviets, and then sentenced. People of my village who had been in Tashino stated that this area was heavily guarded, but I do not know by what kind of troops. Before the war, construction of underground factories had been started in this area near Tashino and was continued after the war. The postwar work was done by the aforementioned Soviet labor force. I do not know whether or not anything was being produced. Previously the train from Arzamas had stopped at Shatki, which is about 30 kilometers south of Arzamas; any freight destined for these underground factories was shipped to Tashino, which is about 30 kilometers southwest of Shatki, on a narrow-gauge railroad. However, in 1948 construction was begun on a railroad, which is believed to be double-tracked, to create a direct line from Arzamas to Tashino to expedite shipments to these underground factories. I believe that this railroad must be in use now, but I do not know when it was completed.

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